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Evaluation of US Military Attache Reports.

- 1. Attached are the qualitative assessments by D/I branches of the value of military attache reporting in our work, except for the contribution of the Electrical Equipment Branch which was forwarded separately.
- 2. It had not been practicable in the time available to assemble this material in a division wide report. However, certain general observations might apply to the usefulness of military attache reporting to the division as a whole.
- 3. Referring to paragraph 1(c) of your memorandum of 4 October 1956, little use has been made of reporting from and on non-Bloc areas since our interests outside the Bloc are extremely limited. Military attache reporting on the Sino-Soviet Bloc, however, is commonly very useful and valuable in consideration of military end products, but considerably less frequently is of interest when concerned with producers' or consumer goods. In study of the economics of this form of reporting is one of the most valuable sources of information.

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